

## **Our Country's Economic Future**

Where do you feel the United States is currently at in the Business Cycle?

### **1.) Introduction – Introduce the Business Cycle – 4 points**

Describe the Business Cycle and its four parts. Discuss what is happening in each stage.

### **2.) Current Location – 4 points**

Describe where the U.S. is **currently** positioned in the Business Cycle. Support your answer with at least **3** current examples that demonstrate the Business Cycle position that you decided on. These examples should provide evidence and must relate to the characteristics of the Business Cycle that we discussed in class. **You must demonstrate this relationship in your writing.**

### **3.) Where are we headed? - 4 points**

- If you decided the position of the U.S. was in a state of Recession, what needs to occur to avoid heading into a Depression?
- If you decided the position of the U.S. was in a state of Depression, how do we as a society find a way to begin Recovery?
- If you decided the position of the U.S. was in a state of Recovery, how do we elevate that recovery process into Prosperity?
- If you selected Prosperity, how would the U.S. continue to live in Prosperous times and avoid heading into a Recession?

Support these responses with **2 “real” actions** that would or need to take place in our country so that we can continue to grow our economy in the right direction.

### **4.) Conclusion – Summarize your response – 4 points**

Discuss your response and reasoning why the US Economy is where it is at in the business cycle and summarize your writing in support of its position and continue its growth.

Score	Requirements
4	Description of the position of the U.S. Economy is well defined and identified. Contains examples/Descriptions that support the position taken. The examples relate directly to the part of the Business Cycle described.
3	Description of the position of the U.S. Economy is defined but lacking a firm understanding as the examples used don't fully connect and support the position. The examples do not relate directly to the part of the Business Cycle described.
2	The student does not clearly identify a specific element of the Business Cycle and few examples used to support the response. The relationship and identifiers for the economic position the U.S. is in are not present in the response and minimal connections are made.
1	The student does not clearly identify a specific element of the Business Cycle. The examples used have no grounding or relationship to the response. The relationship and identifiers for the economic position the U.S. is in are completely missing and no connections have been made.